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Delicious
without sugar

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TRADE MARK REGISTERED



PACKING PLANTS:

SAN BENITO SHARYLAND
HARLINGEN MERCEDES
DONNA LA FERIA
BROWNSVILLE

JOHN H. SHARY, President
BEN E. KEITH, Vice-President
T. M. MELDEN, Secretary-Treasurer

TEXAS CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS EXCHANGE

Executive Office: Mission, Texas

Handwritten calculations and notes:

Left side:
150.82
72.1
78.32

182.94
11.1
13.11

97.868
937.97

Center:
6.36
1.27

5.09

Right side:
90.34
1.27
12.72
76.35

82.81

March 8, 1932

To Our Members:

No doubt you are all aware, from the newspapers, as to the serious situation regarding the finding of infestation of the Morelos Fruit Fly in the Valley. We are today strongly urged that we must get the remaining fruit off the trees as quickly as possible. We are very much worried about it and are sending word through our field men to all of you to assist us in getting this fruit off the trees. Naturally, large shipments out of the Valley will demoralize the market to some extent, especially due to the fact that we can not ship into 16 States without sterilizing the fruit. While we are equipped for sterilization at our Harlingen Plant and are now experimenting on 2 carloads of culls, we doubt very much the feasibility of this, owing to the lateness of the season, in respect to the condition of the fruit to stand up. It looks like we will be obliged to place considerable of this fruit in cold storage and take the consequences; but, nevertheless, it is too dangerous, according to information, not to do everything possible to clean our trees up, and especially the oranges, on which there is a fair market, and we will try to give them preference - that is, if the growers will cooperate with us and run their oranges through a packing plant that can handle them quickly. Now, do not wait for our field men to call around to see you. If he has not been around to advise you of this fact, cooperate with us and advise our field men at the packing plants. If we can not pick your fruit fast enough with our own crews, help us to pick your fruit by doing so yourself and delivering it to our packing plant. Remember that we can not pick everybody's fruit in 1 day.

We also make appeal to all of our members to immediately clean up all fruit on the ground and bury it. There has been a lot of fruit fall during the last norther and we must give the Government officials every possible cooperation. It means protection to our selves. If we let this matter spread we will likely pay a heavier penalty. All growers throughout the Valley should call tomorrow a holiday and ask for volunteers to help pick up all the fruit on the ground throughout the entire Valley in 1 day. This would likely eliminate the danger of quarantine slapped against us most any day, then we would suffer the extreme penalty.



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 Growers that have extremely poor quality fruit should not ask us
 to risk picking oranges against it, as it would be perhaps bet-
 ter for them to pack it themselves and put it into cold storage
 for home use and for sale in the Valley. Later on
 now, every one of you resident growers, call on your neighbors
 to help you clear up your entire neighborhood of all fallen fruit.
 Let's put the Valley on the map for quick cooperation.

LET US BACK, MARKET, PROFIT TOGETHER.

Yours very truly,

TEXAS CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS EXCHANGE

THANK

Bal. as per	1-1-31	937.97
allowance on		
1-1-30 to 1-1-31	72.00	
1-1-31 to 1-1-32	72.00	144.00
charged		
Int. on 1-1-30 to 1-1-31	15.03	793.97
Should have been	7.83	7.20
Paid 1-21-31		786.77
Int. from 1-1-31 to 3-7-32		23.05
		763.75
		90.34
		854.09
Flat Rate 1-1-32 to 1-1-33-150.32		
allowance	72.00	78.32
		932.41

Notes:

6-15-31	ticket	104	5.50	
10-3-31	"	104	12.00	
10-24-31	"	104	12.00	
3-3-32	"	104	30.00	
3-3-32	"	50.82	6.00	65.50
				997.91
Paid: 3-				
1-1-32			10.24	
3-7-32			5.70	15.94
				981.97